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1)	2004/0098609	5/20/04	Bracewell et al.

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1)	JP 2004173285	06/17/04	Japan
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A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed. Document JP 2004173285 was originally cited by the USPTO in a related U.S. patent application. The USPTO did not provide Applicants with a translation for JP 2004173285 and Applicants do not have a translation of the document. To determine the relevance, the enclosed copy of the Patent Abstracts of Japan was obtained. This document provides the relevance as known by Applicants.

Applicants note that the original Japanese document JP 2004173285 appears to claim priority on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/459,863. The U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0098609 that corresponds to this serial number is also cited on the PTO form 1449. A comparison of the Patent Abstracts of Japan and the abstract of the U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0098609 shows that they include the same information.

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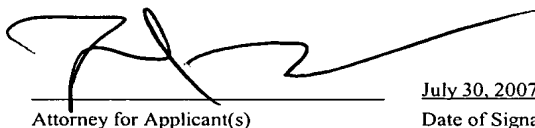
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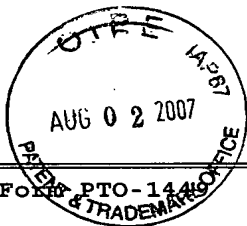


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